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Applicant : Gertrud HÖTTEN et al
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RULE 312 AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2006

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.